

**Disinvestment of Government share in VSNL**

595. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going ahead with disinvestment of its shares upto 26 per cent in VSNL;

(b) if so, whether Government had earlier expressed serious concern over the security implications of the privatization of VSNL;

(c) if so, whether the issue was referred to the MHA and other concerned security agencies before going ahead with disinvestment;

(d) if so, the response thereto and the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Security concern would be suitably dealt with in consultation with Department of Disinvestment and Ministry of Home Affairs at the time of disinvestment.

**Non-delivery of money orders**

596. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of complaints made during the financial year 2000-2001 with regard to the non-delivery of the money orders and the quantum of money involved therein, zone-wise;

(b) whether any departmental enquiry has been initiated to find out the culprits;

(c) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make the better use of the Post Office network for sending the money orders and it becomes a very popular service of the Post Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Data regarding